

Congratulations to local folks who have been honored in volunteer and significant personal achievement awards this past month. David Dryer of Randall Road has been awarded Eagle Scout rank for his ambitious landscaping project at the Greens of LeRoy. Many community members have complimented his work on behalf of the residents there. Town staff member Terry Kanaley has been honored as Fireman of the Year for LeRoy. We appreciate all these men have personally added to the life of our community. Thank you. Volunteerism is often thought of as a lost act of giving as we move about in a hurried pace. Community life in LeRoy is far richer for all of the volunteers and their actions on behalf of us all. Thank you to those who commit time to others.

Town and Village boards, together, have invited a community group to come together and look at highway/DPW cooperation as recommended in a 1981 committee of LeRoyans. Individually these folks represent human resource, finance, administration, legal and working knowledge of the staffs. We look forward to their honest input on behalf of the community. Looking forward to finding reasonable methods and models to reduce costs yet provide same level of services is paramount to remaining a cost affordable community to reside in.

LeRoy is a strong leader locally and statewide in consolidation of services in municipal governments. We are often criticized for trying to change life, as we know it, only to balance with costs to provide same level services. Examples would include our presentations to NYS Comptroller and Chamber of Commerce presentations all we have accomplished in consolidation. Some areas of service are so minor that they go unnoticed by community. Those functions and departments that are consolidated to date are as follows:

- Fire District is its own taxing entity
- Assessor, all taxing entities use the Town assessment roll
- Code and Zoning Enforcement is performed on a town wide basis
- Court system is a town wide function
- Recreation is a town wide function
- Zoning Board of Appeals is one board for both municipal entities
- Planning Board is one board for both municipalities

It is fitting that we continue to look together for more opportunity to work together for the benefit of all. In some instances we need to look beyond borders of LeRoy into our county and region, as with the Genesee County Water Agency for cooperative achievement.

Assessment has captured plenty of attention this past month. Comparable sales books have been placed at Village Hall and Library for your use to select valid sales to understand how assessor arrived at your tentative assessment. The Assessor held two educational seminars to help share how assessments are arrived at in April and March. Hopefully we caught your attention with these very informative sessions. We are cautioned to remember that assessment's purpose is to fairly and equally spread a tax levy. Still, community members are invited to participate in Grievance Day on Tuesday, May 24 if still unhappy with your tentative assessment. Your Board of Assessment Review requires an appointment and completed grievance form. Please call Assessor at 768-6910 ext. 221 to set your appointment and receive grievance form. No drop ins

are accepted on Grievance Day to ensure those scheduled are held to the timetable. So be sure to call ahead and set your appointment.

#### Water News:

Proposed district #8 has had no response from Rural Development as of yet. Next indication of federal interest would be an invitation to submit a full application. We wait for that invitation. Proposed District #8 is a portion of Randall and Keeney Roads.

Extension #1 portions of West Bergen, Randall and Selden Roads are getting the yard reclamation or finishing touches currently. If district owners have a concern, please contact Shelley Stein to forward your concerns to the contractor. 768-6910 ext. 231.

Perry Road interest has been shared the raw water results. Town Board awaits direction from the residents.

East Bethany-LeRoy, Cole and Westacott Roads area, has been abandoned at this point as a lack of raw water data was collected. The Town Board took this lack of participation as a lack of interest. Town Board waits for direction from majority of residents to move forward.

Water districts are special benefit area that enjoys a benefit for a specified area at a specific cost. Town Board does not identify areas as potential water districts; the interest must emanate from the citizen landowners. Town Board is the conduit through which benefit district may be legally formed. Other special districts may include light districts, sidewalk districts and sewer districts. All construction costs are borne by the landowners within the district. The only special benefit districts we have in the Town are light and water districts. As residential growth continues in the Town, other districts may have to be studied.

From the Town Clerk, there is a Rabies Clinic scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at DPW facility on North Street from 1:00 – 4:30 PM. Please note that a \$5.00 donation is requested per animal. Out of county residents will be charged. All owners must be able to control and manage their pet while at the clinic. No reservations are necessary.

Bunnell Park is open for the season. Town Clerk is accepting reservations at 768-6910 ext. 224. Dates are filling up quickly, please call if you wish to reserve the facility for a function. Safety remains top concern at Bunnell Park. Please be sure to be careful of our youth as they move to and from sports practice and games. Parking is plentiful at Hartwood Park. Enjoy the summer like weather conditions by strolling to and from the park from Hartwood. Huge thanks go to the coaches and parents of youth sports activities for enforcing and using Hartwood Parking lot to begin and end practices and games. Safety of our youth is of highest priority to us all.

The Town and Village of LeRoy are hosting a public open house to gather input related to the Oatka Creek Trail Feasibility Study. The open house will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 15 Main Street in the Village of LeRoy from 4:00-7:00PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Contiguous landowners have been notified by mail. This conceptual planning effort is being undertaken to determine if a non-motorized/multi-use public access trail is feasible in the Oatka Creek corridor from Wildwood Park to Buttermilk Falls. The Genesee Transportation

Council funds this project. For further information please contact Andy Raus at Clark Patterson, 454-4500.

Code and Zone Officer would remind all community members to take a look at your property to clear away winter stored vehicle and refuse. Transfer Station is open to all community on Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Circular Hill Road. Punch cards are available at Town Clerk's Office. No cash is accepted at the Transfer Station. Punch cards are available in denominations of \$ 15.00 and \$30.00. 33-gallon bags are accepted at \$1.50 per bag. Recyclables are accepted at no charge to community residents.

Youth Court welcomes Ed Bishop as the Coordinator of the program. Ed is a community resident with several years of experience with youth. We welcome Ed to this position and marvel at his level of enthusiasm as he schedules training of the youth, promotes the youth court and empowers youth to have a positive impact on our community. Youth Court is a joint Town and Village program administered to provide an alternative to Family Court for our youth.

Recreation activity is getting into high gear as the summer season is getting closer. Look for the summer brochure to be available soon.

As always, Town Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at Town Hall. Join us as your schedule allows. It is a pleasure to serve you.

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